

Hello again,

Pardon my error re: bill #. Corrected input is below with change to HB 5254 not 5429 as in my previous email, corrected version below.

Jack Ijams

VP, Sasquanaug Association for Southport Improvement

Hello,

The Sasquanaug Association for Southport Improvement opposes the provision of HB 5254 (and to the extent there are similar provisions in HB 5361) that removes a town's ability to set beach permit pricing for non-residents that are different from those for town residents. Fairfield residents (and those in other towns along the CT coastline) help pay for the management of its beaches in their taxes as well as their fees. Requiring towns to charge non-residents the same permit fees not only ignores the extra investment residents make in their beaches through their taxes, it also hampers the towns' ability to adjust the cost of non-residents' beach permits based on the extra costs towns may incur from heavier use of their beaches. We request that the provision in these bills as noted here be removed from an otherwise reasonable bill that helps protect the ecology of CT coastlines.

Sincerely,

Jack Ijams

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